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SUBJECT: UNCTAD CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE TRANSFER OF
TECHNOLOGY--CONFERENCE SCHEDULING: SECOND AND
FIFTH COMMITTEES

1. B GROUP EXPERTS ARE UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT FIFTH
COMMITTEE POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF DATES FOR SUBJECT
CONFERENCE UNTIL AFTER CURRENT IGE AT UNCTAD, OCTOBER 31-
NOVEMBER 11.

2. GROUP B EXPERTS ALSO DISCUSSED PROPOSED CONTINGENCY
STATEMENT PARA 3 BELOW. ALL (EXCEPT TURKEY) GENERALLY
CONCUR IN THE SUBSTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING REVISED STATEMENT
ALTHOUGH SOME WERE NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMIT GOVERNMENTS
TO ITS SPECIFIC LANGUAGE. THE TEXT IN PARA 3 BELOW SHOULD
THEREFORE BE CONSIDERED AS THE PERSONAL CONSENSUS JUDGMENT
OF THE B GROUP EXPERTS--ON A LOWEST COMMON DENOMINATOR
BASIS--ON HOW FAR THEIR GOVERNMENTS WILL LIKELY BE ABLE TO
GO IN A SPECIFIC DRAFT. IT IS FORWARDED FOR THE INFORMATION
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TION AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF NEW YORK DELEGATIONS,
AGAINST THE CONTINGENCY THAT CONSIDERATION OF THE TIMING
ISSUE CANNOT BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER CURRENT IGE AND WE
CANNOT ARRANGE TO HAVE DATES LEFT "TO BE DETERMINED."

3. BEGIN TEXT. IN THE LIGHT OF PROGRESS MADE TO DATE IN
PREPARATORY MEETINGS, WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY THE IGE

EXPERTS THAT A NUMBER OF GROUP B COUNTRIES BELIEVE THAT IT IS PREMATURE TO DECIDE ON DATES FOR A NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE FOR THE CODE OF CONDUCT ON THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY BEFORE EXPERTS HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE PROGRESS IN THEIR WORK AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE 4TH SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP AT UNCTAD.

IT IS THEREFORE WITH RELUCTANCE THAT OUR COUNTRIES HAVE JOINED A CONSENSUS ON THE DATES FOR THE CONFERENCE AS SET FORTH IN THE CALENDAR ADOPTED BY THE FIFTH COMMITTEE. WHEN THE CONFERENCE'S CALENDAR IS TAKEN UP IN THE PLENARY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WE INTEND TO CONSIDER THIS MATTER FURTHER AND MAY ADDRESS THE SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF TIMING, INCLUDING AN ASSESSMENT OF THE BASIS FOR A CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1978.

THE COUNTRIES FOR THEIR PART REMAIN COMMITTED TO NEGOTIATING A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL CODE OF CONDUCT AND SHALL CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE WORK OF THE EXPERTS GROUP TO THIS END. END TEXT.

4. US DELEGATION AT IGE RECOMMENDS THAT WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES WITH THE DRAFT IN PARA 3, BUT ADD ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES A STATEMENT THAT OUR PARTICIPATION IN A NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE IS DEPENDENT ON AN ASSESSMENT AS TO WHETHER AN ADEQUATE BASIS EXISTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE. VANDEN HEUVEL
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